

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (original): A method of printing a trusted image, comprising:
an individual user electronically contacting a governmental agency, soliciting an image depicting the user stored in an archive maintained by said governmental agency;
electronically receiving said image from said contacted governmental agency; and
printing a document incorporating said image.
2. (original): The method of claim 1 in which it is the individual user who receives said image and prints said document.
3. (original): The method of claim 1 in which said document is a photo identification document.
4. (original): The method of claim 1 in which said document is an identification badge.
5. (original): The method of claim 1 in which the governmental agency is a motor vehicle licensing agency, and the image is a driver license photo.
6. (original): The method of claim 1 in which said image is processed with an identification code by the governmental agency.
7. (original): The method of claim 1 in which said image is digitally watermarked with a plural-bit code by the governmental agency.
8. (original): The method of claim 7 in which said plural-bit code serves to identify the individual user's name.
9. (original): The method of claim 8 in which said plural-bit code comprises an index into a data structure in which the individual user's name is stored.

10. (original): A document printed according to the method of 1.
11. (original): A method of distributing a trusted image, comprising:
at a governmental agency, receiving an electronic request for an archived personal image from an individual depicted in said image; and
electronically transmitting said image to said individual.
12. (original): The method of claim 11 that includes processing said image with an identification code prior to said electronic transmission.
13. (original): The method of claim 11 that includes digitally watermarking said image with a plural-bit code prior to said electronic transmission.
14. (original): The method of claim 13 in which said plural-bit code serves to identify the individual's name.
15. (original): The method of claim 14 in which said plural-bit code comprises an index into a data structure in which the individual's name is stored.
16. (withdrawn): A document printing method, comprising:
receiving a digital photo, the photo having plural-bit data steganographically encoded therein;
by reference to said steganographically encoded data, generating text to be printed with said photo; and
printing a document including both said photo and said text.
17. (withdrawn): The method of claim 16 that includes electronically transmitting at least a part of said plural-bit data to a remote computer, and receiving the text from said computer.

18. (withdrawn): The method of claim 16, that includes receiving said digital photo from an archive of facial images.

19. (withdrawn): The method of claim 16 that includes receiving said digital photo from an image archive maintained by a government agency.

20. (withdrawn): The method of claim 16 in which said document is an identification document.

21. (withdrawn): A method of providing an access credential for a person, using a computer device for which the person is the proprietor, the method comprising:

receiving at said computer device code data, transmitted by an authority, the code data having a future time or date associated therewith;

steganographically encoding said code data in a graphic; and

presenting the encoded graphic as an access credential, to gain access to a restricted area.

22. (withdrawn): The method of claim 21 that includes steganographically encoding said code data in said graphic using said computer device.

23. (withdrawn): The method of claim 21 that includes printing said encoded graphic using a printer for which said person is also the proprietor, and presenting the printed graphic as said access credential.

24. (withdrawn): The method of claim 21 in which the access credential authorizes entry to an event, the event taking place at said future time or date.

25. (withdrawn): The method of claim 24 wherein the event is a movie.

26. (withdrawn): The method of claim 21 that includes receiving said graphic from a governmental agency.

27. (new): The method of claim 1 that includes printing said document at a home of said individual user.

28. (new): The method of claim 1 that includes obtaining from a database maintained by said governmental agency a name of said individual user, and printing said obtained name on the document.

29. (new): The method of claim 1 that includes:
using a computer operated by the individual user, extracting information steganographically encoded in the image received from the governmental agency;
transmitting said decoded information from said computer to a remote server;
in response, receiving name data corresponding to said decoded information from said remote server; and
printing said received name data on said document using said computer operated by the individual user.

30. (new): The method of claim wherein the received image has plural-bit data steganographically encoded therein, and the method includes:
by reference to said steganographically encoded data, generating text to be printed with said photo; and
printing a document including both said photo and said text.

31. (new): The method of claim 1 that includes obtaining an access code from a corporation, and incorporating said access code on the printed document.

32. (new): The method of claim 1 that further includes:
receiving code data at a home computer of said individual user, said code data having been transmitted by an authority, the code data having a future time or date associated therewith;
steganographically encoding said code data in said image received from said governmental agency; and
printing a document incorporating said steganographically encoded image.
33. (new): A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 1.
34. (new): A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 29.
35. (new): A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 30.
36. (new): A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 32.